JOE FOSS
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it has long been a national custom to commemorate November 11, the anniversary of the ending of World War I, by paying tribute to the heroes of that tragic struggle and by rededicating ourselves to the causes of peace; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening years the United States has been involved in two other great military conflicts, which have added millions of veterans living and dead to the honor rolls of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Congress passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926 (44 Stat. 1982), calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies, and later provided in an Act approved May 13, 1938 (52 Stat. 351), that the eleventh of November should be a legal holiday and should be known as Armistice Day; and

WHEREAS, in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an Act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby call upon all of our citizens to observe Friday, November 11, 1955, as Veterans Day. On that day let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain.

In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose of acknowledging the valiant service of living veterans under the theme, PEACE WITH HONOR.

I am requesting all citizens of the State, all business enterprises, all veterans' organizations, state, city and county officials to assist the State Committee in every way possible toward celebrating November 11, 1955, in an appropriate manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 9th day of November, 1955.

.....Joe Foss.....
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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